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NEW APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of  
Inventor(s): **William M. Richardson**

For (title): **METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR COMPUTER NETWORK LINK  
WITH UNDEFINED TERMINATION CONDITION**

1. Type of Application

This new application is for a(n)

- ☐ Original (nonprovisional)
- ☐ Design
- ☐ Plant
- ☐ Divisional.
- ☒ Continuation.
- ☐ Continuation-in-part (C-I-P).

CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.10\*  
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2. **Benefit of Prior U.S. Application(s)** (35 U.S.C. 119(e), 120, or 121)

☒ The new application being transmitted claims the benefit of prior U.S. application(s).  
Enclosed are ADDED PAGES FOR NEW APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL WHERE  
BENEFIT OF PRIOR U.S. APPLICATION(S) CLAIMED.

3. **Papers Enclosed**

A. **Required for Filing Date under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) (Regular) or 37 C.F.R. § 1.153 (Design) Application**

15 Pages of Specification

3 Pages of Claims

11 Sheets of Drawing

☐ Formal  
☒ Informal

☐ The enclosed drawing(s) are photograph(s), and there is also attached a "PETITION TO ACCEPT PHOTOGRAPH(S) AS DRAWING(S)." 37 C.F.R. § 1.84(b).

B. **Other Papers Enclosed**

05 Pages of copy of declaration and power of attorney

01 Pages of Abstract

     Other

4. **Additional Papers Enclosed**

- ☐ Amendment to claims
- ☐ Cancel in this applications claim \_ before calculating the filing fee.
- ☐ Add new claims \_\_\_\_ shown on the attached amendment. (Claims added have been numbered consecutively following the highest numbered original claims.)
- ☒ Preliminary Amendment
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (37 C.F.R. § 1.98)
- ☐ Form PTO-1449 (PTO/SB/08A and 08B)
- ☐ Citations
- ☐ Declaration of Biological Deposit
- ☐ Submission of "Sequence Listing," computer readable copy and/or amendment pertaining thereto for biotechnology invention containing nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence.
- ☐ Authorization of Attorney(s) to Accept and Follow Instructions from Representative
- ☐ Special Comments
- ☒ Other – **Formal Drawings**

5. Declaration or Oath (including power of attorney)

- ☒ Enclosed  
Executed by  
☒ inventor(s). [Filed in parent application, U.S. App. No. 09/401,674. (Copy is attached)].  
☐ legal representative of inventor(s). 37 C.F.R. § 1.42 or 1.43.  
☐ joint inventor or person showing a proprietary interest on behalf of inventor who refused to sign or cannot be reached.  
☐ This is the petition required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.47 and the statement required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.47 is also attached. See item 13 below for fee.
- ☐ Not Enclosed.  
☐ Application is made by a person authorized under 37 C.F.R. 1.41(c) on behalf of *all* the above named inventor(s).  
☐ Showing that the filing is authorized.  
*(not required unless called into question. 37 C.F.R. § 1.41(d))*

6. Inventorship Statement

The inventorship for all the claims in this application are:

- ☐ The same.
- or**
- ☐ Not the same. An explanation, including the ownership of the various claims at the time the last claimed invention was made,  
☐ is submitted.  
☐ will be submitted.

7. Language

- ☒ English  
☐ Non-English  
☐ The attached translation includes a statement that the translation is accurate. 37 C.F.R. § 1.52(d).

8. Assignment

- ☐ Copy of Assignment of the invention from **BIG T-1 Company, to Vigilant Networks LLC.**, as filed in the parent application  
☐ is attached. A separate ☐ "COVER SHEET FOR ASSIGNMENT (DOCUMENT) ACCOMPANYING NEW PATENT APPLICATION" or [ ] FORM PTO 1595 is also attached.  
☐ will follow.

9. **Certified Copy**

Certified copy(ies) of application(s)

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from which priority is claimed  
☐ is (are) attached.  
☐ will follow.

10. **Fee Calculation** (37 C.F.R. § 1.16)

A. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Continuation application			
CLAIMS AS FILED			
Number Filed	Number Extra	Rate	Basic Fee 37 CFR 1.16(a) \$ 710.00
Total Claims (37 CFR 1.16(c))	25 - 20 = 5	X \$ 018.00	90.00
Independent Claims (37 CFR 1.16(b))	03 - 3 = 0	X \$ 80.00	0.00
Multiple dependent claims, if any, (37 CFR 1.16(d))		X \$ 270.00	

- ☒ Preliminary Amendment is enclosed.  
☐ Amendment deleting multiple-dependencies is enclosed.  
☐ Fee for extra claims is not being paid at this time.

Filing Fee Calculation \$ 800.00

- B. ☐ Design application  
(\$320.00—37 C.F.R. § 1.16(f))

Filing Fee Calculation \$ \_\_\_\_\_

- C. ☐ Plant application  
(\$490.00—37 C.F.R. § 1.16(g))

Filing Fee Calculation \$ \_\_\_\_\_

11. **Small Entity Statement(s)**

- ☐ Applicant hereby claims small entity status.
- ☐ Statement(s) that this is a filing by a small entity under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.9 and 1.27 is (are) attached.
- ☐ Status as a small entity was claimed in prior application \_\_\_\_\_,  
filed on \_\_\_\_\_ from which benefit is being claimed for this application under:  
35 U.S.C. § ☐ 119(e),  
☐ 120,  
☐ 121,  
☐ 365(c),  
and which status as a small entity is still proper and desired.
- ☐ A copy of the statement in the prior application is included.
- Filing Fee Calculation (50% of A, B or C above) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

12. **Request for International-Type Search** (37 C.F.R. § 1.104(d))

- ☐ Please prepare an international-type search report for this application at the time when national examination on the merits takes place.

13. **Fee Payment Being Made at This Time**

- ☐ Not Enclosed
- ☐ No filing fee is to be paid at this time.  
(This and the surcharge required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.16(e) can be paid subsequently.)
- ☒ Enclosed
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|---|------------------|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Filing fee  | \$ <u>800.00</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Recording assignment (\$40.00; 37 C.F.R. § 1.21(h))<br>(See attached "COVER SHEET FOR<br>ASSIGNMENT ACCOMPANYING NEW<br>APPLICATION.")   | \$ _____         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Petition fee for filing by other than all the inventors<br>or person on behalf of the inventor where inventor<br>refused to sign or cannot be reached<br>(\$130.00; 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.47 and 1.17(i)) | \$ _____         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> For processing an application with a<br>specification in a non-English language<br>(\$130.00; 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.52(d) and 1.17(k))  | \$ _____         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Processing and retention fee<br>(\$130.00; 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.53(d) and 1.21(l))   | \$ _____         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fee for international-type search report<br>(\$40.00; 37 C.F.R. § 1.21(e))   | \$ _____         |
| Total Fees Enclosed   | \$ <u>800.00</u> |

14. Method of Payment of Fees

- ☐ Check in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_.
- ☒ Charge Account No. **18-0013** in the amount of \$ 800.00.
- A duplicate of this transmittal is attached.

15. Authorization to Charge Additional Fees

- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the following additional fees by this paper and during the entire pendency of this application to Account No. **18-0013**.
- ☒ 37 C.F.R. § 1.16(a), (f) or (g) (filing fees)
- ☒ 37 C.F.R. § 1.16(b), (c) and (d) (presentation of extra claims)
- ☒ 37 C.F.R. § 1.16(e) (surcharge for filing the basic filing fee and/or declaration on a date later than the filing date of the application)
- ☒ 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(1)-(5) (extension fees pursuant to § 1.136(a).
- ☒ 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 (application processing fees)
- ☐ 37 C.F.R. § 1.18 (issue fee at or before mailing of Notice of Allowance, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.311(b))

16. Instructions as to Overpayment


- ☒ Credit Account No. **18-0013**.
- ☐ Refund.

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- ☒ **Incorporation by reference of added pages**
- ☒ Plus Added Pages for New Application Transmittal Where Benefit of Prior U.S. Application(s) Claimed  
Number of pages added 03
- ☒ Plus Added Pages for Papers Referred to in Item 4 Above  
Number of pages added 20
- ☐ Plus added pages deleting names of inventor(s) named on prior application(s) who is/are no longer inventor(s) of the subject matter claimed in this application.  
Number of pages added \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Plus "Assignment Cover Letter Accompanying New Application"  
Number of pages added \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ **Statement Where No Further Pages Added**
- ☐ This transmittal ends with this page.

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**ADDED PAGES FOR APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL WHERE BENEFIT OF  
PRIOR U.S. APPLICATION(S) CLAIMED**

**17. Relate Back**

☒ Amend the specification by inserting, before the first line, the following sentence:

**A. 35 U.S.C. 120, 121 and 365(c)**

"This application is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application number 09/401,674, filed September 22, 1999, and claims priority to U.S. Application No. 08/890,486, filed July 9, 1997, now issued U.S. Patent No. 6,016,404 and U.S. Provisional Application Nos. 60/021,487, filed July 10, 1996, and 60/029,046, filed October 29, 1996, which is herein incorporated by reference in its entirety and for all purposes".

☐ Where more than one reference is made above please combine all references into one sentence.

**18. Relate Back—35 U.S.C. 119 Priority Claim for Prior Application**

The prior U.S. application(s), including any prior International Application designating the U.S., identified above in item 17B, in turn itself claim(s) foreign priority(ies) as follows:

Country	Appln. no.	Filed
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The certified copy(ies) has (have)

- ☐ been filed on \_\_\_\_\_, in prior application \_\_\_\_\_, which was filed on \_\_\_\_\_.  
☐ is (are) attached.

**19. Maintenance of Copendency of Prior Application**

A. ☐ Extension of time in prior application

*(This item must be completed and the papers filed in the prior application, if the period set in the prior application has run.)*

- ☐ A petition, fee and response extends the term in the pending **prior** application until  
☐ A **copy** of the petition filed in prior application is attached.

B. ☐ Conditional Petition for Extension of Time in Prior Application

*(complete this item, if previous item not applicable)*

- ☐ A conditional petition for extension of time is being filed in the pending **prior** application.  
☐ A **copy** of the conditional petition filed in the prior application is attached.

**20. Further Inventorship Statement Where Benefit of Prior Application(s) Claimed**

*(complete applicable item (a), (b) and/or (c) below)*

- (a) ☐ This application discloses and claims only subject matter disclosed in the prior application whose particulars are set out above and the inventor(s) in this application are  
☐ the same.  
☐ less than those named in the prior application. It is requested that the following inventor(s) identified for the prior application be deleted:

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*(type name(s) of inventor(s) to be deleted)*

- (b) ☐ This application discloses and claims additional disclosure by amendment and a new declaration or oath is being filed. With respect to the prior application, the inventor(s) in this application are  
☐ the same.  
☐ the following additional inventor(s) have been added:

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*(type name(s) of inventor(s) to be deleted)*

- (c) ☐ The inventorship for all the claims in this application are  
☐ the same.  
☐ not the same. An explanation, including the ownership of the various claims at the time the last claimed invention was made  
☐ is submitted.  
☐ will be submitted.

**21. Abandonment of Prior Application *(if applicable)***

- ☐ Please abandon the prior application at a time while the prior application is pending, or when the petition for extension of time or to revive in that application is granted, and when this application is granted a filing date, so as to make this application copending with said prior application.

**22. Petition for Suspension of Prosecution for the Time Necessary to File an Amendment**

- ☐ There is provided herewith a Petition To Suspend Prosecution for the Time Necessary to File An Amendment (New Application Filed Concurrently)

**23. Small Entity (37 CFR § 1.28(a))**



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☐ Applicant has established small entity status by the filing of a statement in parent application  
\_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_.

☐ A copy of the statement previously filed is included.

**24. NOTIFICATION IN PARENT APPLICATION OF THIS FILING**

☒ A notification of the filing of this  
(check one of the following)

- ☒ continuation
- ☐ continuation-in-part
- ☐ divisional

is being filed in the parent application, from which this application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. § 120.

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: **William M. Richardson**

Application No.: **09/401,674**

Group No.: **2662**

Filed: **September 22, 1999**

Examiner: **H. Nguyen**

For: **METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR COMPUTER NETWORK LINK WITH  
UNDEFINED TERMINATION CONDITION**

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NOTIFICATION OF FILING OF CONTINUATION APPLICATION

Notification is hereby being made of the filing of a:

- ☒ continuation
- ☐ continuation-in-part
- ☐ divisional
- ☐ continued prosecution

application for this case

- ☒ concurrently herewith.


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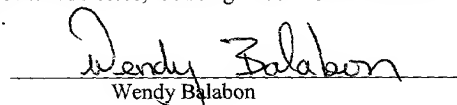
  
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In re application of: **William M. Richardson**

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TRANSMITTAL OF FORMAL DRAWING(S)  
PRIOR TO NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE

Attached please find the formal drawings for this application, eleven (11) pages, Figures 1A, 1B - 14.

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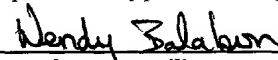
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Wendy Balabon  
(type or print name of person mailing paper)

  
Signature of person mailing paper

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(Transmittal of Formal Drawings--page 1 of 2)